

## TABLE:

## Premier League Division 1

1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Monaro	12	8	2	2	2	39	15	28
Weston Creek	12	7	3	2	3	28	15	27
Capital City Suns	12	8	1	3	1	32	16	26
Belconnen United	12	7	2	3	2	36	14	25
Canberra Olympic	12	6	2	4	1	26	15	21
Canberra Deakin	12	6	2	4	1	22	18	21
Gungahlin Juventus	12	6	1	5	1	22	20	20
Uni of Canberra	12	3	1	8	1	22	33	11
Burns Club	12	2	0	10	0	9	47	6
Queanbeyan City	12	0	0	12	0	15	58	0

## Under 23's

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Belconnen United	12	7	3	2	3	60	19	27
Monaro	12	7	3	2	3	42	20	27
Weston Creek	12	7	3	2	3	31	19	27
Uni of Canberra	12	8	1	3	1	53	13	26
Canberra Olympic	12	5	5	2	3	30	11	23
Canberra Deakin	12	4	3	5	1	32	19	16
Burns Club	12	4	2	6	1	22	26	15
Capital City Suns	12	4	1	7	1	36	37	14
Gungahlin Juventus	12	3	1	8	0	36	37	10
Queanbeyan City	12	0	0	12	0	3	144	0

## Cosmos Youth

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Belconnen United	12	12	0	0	0	58	8	36
Uni of Canberra	12	9	1	2	1	39	13	29
Gungahlin Juventus	11	8	0	3	0	42	15	24
Weston Creek	12	8	0	4	0	44	25	24
Canberra Deakin	12	7	1	4	1	35	25	23
Monaro	12	4	0	8	0	27	44	12
Capital City Suns	11	3	1	7	1	14	34	11
Canberra Olympic	12	3	0	9	0	14	45	9
Burns Club	12	2	0	10	0	15	44	6
Queanbeyan City	12	1	1	10	1	16	51	5

Note: Queanbeyan City forfeited to Weston Creek Royals - Youth 27.6.99

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## TABLE:

## Premier League Division 2

1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	15	12	3	0	2	32	5	41
Tuggeranong United	15	9	3	3	3	44	17	33
Cooma	15	8	1	6	0	29	27	25
Belwest Foxes	15	6	2	7	2	31	33	22
ANU	15	4	5	6	4	28	25	21
White Eagles	15	5	2	8	2	25	30	19
Sabres FC	14	2	6	6	5	20	39	17
ADFA	14	1	2	11	2	12	45	7

## Reserve Grade:

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	15	12	1	2	1	32	12	38
Belwest Foxes	15	10	0	5	0	51	17	30
Tuggeranong United	15	10	0	5	0	49	36	30
ANU	15	9	1	5	1	38	17	29
White Eagles	15	7	2	6	2	34	27	25
ADFA	14	4	1	9	1	22	38	14
Sabres FC	14	3	1	10	1	15	40	11
Cooma	15	0	2	13	2	10	63	4

## Rockets Youth League

	P	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Tuggeranong United	12	11	1	0	1	62	13	35
Belconnen United	11	8	0	3	0	45	23	24
Belwest Foxes	11	5	1	5	1	28	25	17
Radford	12	4	0	8	0	20	27	12
Southern Spirit	12	4	0	8	0	24	50	12
Belsouth	12	2	0	10	0	15	56	6

Note: ADFA forfeited both games against O'Connor Knights 3.7.99

## Golden Boot Chase

14: S. Lazzari (WCK)

11: D. Bartone (UOC), T. Lemezina (CCS), D. Macor (Mon)

10: L. Simeonov (Mon)

9: M. Whyte (Bel)

7: J. Glass (Juv), G. Howarth (COly)

6: P. Hader (WCK), J. Campagna (Mon)

5: 6 players

## EDITORIAL:

Turmoil amongst the ranks has been what many have seen late last week. Following the incident at Riverside Stadium three players have been fined for bringing the game into disrepute.

Unfortunately, I missed most of what happened and only caught the end of it, but it is something that is not needed in Canberra soccer.

Worse still is that this is not the first time an incident has occurred either after or during a match. There were two others earlier this year, which owing to there being no reports or insufficient evidence, saw no action taken.

This time we had the Chairman of the Senior League present and his was one of a number of reports that Soccer Canberra were provided with. Action had to be taken.

I believe that the action taken by Soccer Canberra on this incident has been totally justified, but I am unhappy with the lack of action in the other two incidents.

This year has seen an increase in both quality of play and more importantly, crowd size. The game at Riverside where the incident took place was played in front of some 200 spectators. Most games I have been to, where the weather hasn't been too bad, have had around 100 or so watching.

So, it is up to you all... the players, the coaches and the spectators, to keep this game free of any fracas or other disturbances. The game is improving - let's not go backwards.

On a more pleasant note it was good to see both Matt Valeri and Simon Agnello doing so well in Italy. They left some months ago to look around and go for a number of trials.

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## Soccer Canberra Hall of Fame

In 1997 Soccer Canberra instigated the Hall of Fame to recognise individuals who have provided so much to the game of soccer in the ACT.

For each of the last two years, a number of people have been inducted into the Soccer Canberra Hall of Fame. The ceremony has been part of the Soccer Canberra Presentation night at the end of the season.

It is now getting around that time of year when we are looking for nominations from you, the public. The person nominated has to have been out of the field they are being nominated for and for at least two years.

There are five fields, or categories, through which a person can be nominated. These are Player, Coach, Administration, Referee and Media.

Currently there are twelve people who have been inducted to the Soccer Canberra Hall of Fame. They are, with year of induction in brackets:

## Player:

George Campbell Jnr (1997)  
Stuart Devlin (1997)  
John Davis (1998)

## Coaching:

Frank Maccarone (1998)

## Administration:

Hal Leslie (1997)  
Gerry Martens (1997)  
Joe Honeysett (1998)  
Rod Jory (1998)

## Referees:

Bob Mee (1997)  
Dennis McDermott (1998)

## Journalism/Media:

Graham Harrison (1997)  
Ian Myerscough (1997)



Unlike many other Halls of Fame, this one appears to lack players. There are only three. We need you out there to nominate some more.

We are looking at players who have contributed to the game through representation or other feats alike top goalscorer for a number of seasons, or an excellent player.

So, if there are any people out there who know of someone who they believe should be nominated, could they please contact Rob Bennett at Soccer Canberra on 6260 4000.

There are also some forms available on the Soccer Canberra web page in the Hall of Fame section.

Further to this, Soccer Canberra recognises a number of other people through Special Service Awards. So far these awards have been presented to (with year of presentation in brackets):

Ken Carter (1998)  
Vic Fernandez (1998)  
Joe Fusca (1997)  
Brian Golledge (1997)  
Jimmy Hayes (1997)  
Peter Windsor (1998)

We need to recognise those individuals who have put so much into the game. The ACT has no history documented when it comes to Soccer, although this is being rectified, so without the Hall of Fame there is no way to remember them.

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The last team they both trialled with was Palermo, situated on the northern side of Sicily. Only a few days prior to Matts ticket to return home, scouts from Trapani came for a look.

They were pleased with what they saw and offered both players a six-week trial. This would involve all the standard pre-season activities including warm-up games.

Trapani are a Serie C2 team which is close to the bottom of the Italian professional leagues, but is still a good stepping stone for these two youngsters. Trapani finished 11<sup>th</sup> of 18 teams last season in girone C of Serie C2.

If the trials do not come to fruition, the boys will probably come back to Australia to try out for a place in one of the Ericsson Cup teams.

Now for an early reminder. Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>, remember to keep this free. Here in Canberra the Australian Joeys will play Bahrain in the first leg of their last qualifier towards the World under 17 Championships.

These Finals will be held across the Tasman in New Zealand from November 10<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. I will be going over to hopefully cover the games, especially the Australian games if they qualify. The group Australia would be in includes Brazil, Germany and Mali. Quite a daunting task.

More information will be passed on as it comes to hand, but we want to have everyone possible to get out and support the Australian Under 17s in their match against Bahrain.

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Capital City Suns 3 (0)



Gungahlin Juventus 1 (0)

The Capital City Suns showed Gungahlin Juventus the way to goal when they won 3-1 at O'Connor Oval last Sunday.

It was a match of two halves, and Juventus were made to pay for not capitalising on their abundance of possession in the first stanza. The teams went into the break with no score.

Suns came out in the second and just overwhelmed their opponents scoring their three goals in a 15 minute period. Even so, Suns coach Bill Dojcinowski believes there is plenty of work to do.

The Suns had the first chance of the game when Tony Lemezina worked his way for a shot, turning and weaving around defenders. Denis Langone, the Juventus keeper, was at full stretch to save.

This was the last the Suns were to see their opponents goal for some time as the game moved to the other side of the field. Foray after foray were made by Juventus as they searched for the opening goal.

Ten minutes in and a cross from Aidan Griffiths found Niall Stoddart. His mis-kick became a layoff for George Cattnach, but Cattnach's first time effort was blocked for a corner by Tai Tran.

Midway through the half a loose ball fell to Oscar Zamora and his spinning shot nearly eluded the Suns custodian, Tony Giannasca, who was able to get the faintest of touches and push the ball onto the upright. Even then it took some panic defence to clear the danger.

A few minutes more and a clear cut chance to Cattnach following a delightful through ball from Tony Rinaudo, saw him find the wrong side of the upright when he should have at least given the keeper something to do.

To close the first half, the Suns generated a rare opportunity. A blind cross from Stan Blazeovski meant that Langone had to be first to the ball with Lemezina closing in fast.

Something must have been said in the change rooms at the break, because the Suns came out a completely different team. They attacked from the first minute and Juventus could do no more than balance on their back feet.

It took only seven minutes of the half for the first score. Suns Luca Ujdur found himself with the ball just outside the box. He sent a low pass that made its way to Lemezina, who played with the ball to beat his defender before planting it into the bottom right hand corner.

Ten minutes on and it was the turn for ex-Cosmos player Ilija Prenzovski to show his touch, strength and sight as he broke through a group of players and then sent a pass that gave no one except for Pat Phommaseisy any chance to play. Phommaseisy, now behind the defence and one-on-one with Langone made no mistake scoring in the bottom left corner.

Another six minutes and the game was all but over. A free kick to the Suns was awarded just outside the top-left of the box. Ujdur sent a low shot around the inside of the wall which Langone failed to handle. Substitute Peter Romaniuk was on hand to slam the ball into the roof of the net.

With fifteen minutes to go, Juventus sweeper Rinaudo pushed forward and started to cause some havoc. A cross from the right by Rinaudo wasn't cleared by the Suns defence. It fell to Steve Kemp and his shot took a wicked deflection that gave Giannasca no chance.



Juventus were back in the game but alike the first half, could not find a way through. Rinaudo actually had the final two shots at goal. The first was a cross, come shot, which Giannasca tipped over for a corner and from this Rinaudo received the ball 25m out and sent a solid attempt that needed Prenzowski to deflect wide.

Suns coach Bill Dojcinowski was unhappy with the first half stating that there was no concentration at all within the team. But in the second half "we pushed forward a bit more and our one touch football paid out." Dojcinowski was pleased with Prenzowski, Ujdur and Blazevski, but only in the second half. "No one shined in that first period", he added.



Monaro 4 (1)



Burns Club 0 (0)

By Hamish Neal

Burns Club abided by its policy to blood young players and Monaro's run at the top of the ACT Premier league continued with the Monaro side posting a 4-0 win in their game at a very cold and rainy Riverside oval in Queanbeyan where the conditions weren't conducive to exciting football.

In a game that never reached any great heights, barring Monaro's second two goals, the referee stamped his authority on the game early with the issuing of two yellow cards in the first eight minutes. The first of which was when Monaro received a penalty after one of their players was brought down by the Burns central defender. Danny Macor stepped up and put it past the young Burns' keeper with no troubles.

Following that goal the Burns club had three close opportunities around the 15 minute mark of the game. But Tony Guarino remained solid in goal. The remainder of the first half saw many attacking raids by Monaro, mostly lead by Johnny Rakic, all of which saw Monaro come away unrewarded.

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The best of these attacks was from a corner kick in the 27th minute when the young 15 year old goalie for the Burns Club came out and punched away the ball with all the confidence of a Pat Rafter overhead smash.

The second half didn't promise anything greater in terms of open flowing football with the showers not easing and that coupled with both sides enthusiasm to attack the ball saw several players slip over, a couple during some promising looking attacking raids. Monaro managed to overcome the conditions and scored goal number two in the 17th minute through Danny Macor.

For the next eighteen minutes both sides made some good inroads in attack, Monaro in particular who were unable to convert chances from two corner kicks. Then Bruno Monterosso pulled off a spectacular diving header close in to basically shut the door on the Burns Club.

The game was going through the motions in its final minutes with both sides probably wanting to get in out of the cold when a combination of two quick kicks from a corner saw Bruno Monterosso score again.

Steve Bryant agreed with Andrew Monterosso that it was "not a 4 nil game." Monaro's Andrew Monterosso was impressed with the Burns Club tenacity but was happy to come away from the game with 3 points after asking his team for an extra effort at the half time break. The "raw talent" of the Burns Club continues to impress their coach Steve Bryant. Bryant was particular happy with the fact that two key positions in goalkeeper and striker were filled today by a 15 and 17 year old respectively who performed admirably. But Bryant points out that they still have a way to go to make it in the Premier League but warns to watch out for his players in 2 to 3 years when they have mastered key elements of football such as "body position."

The result was not indicative of the effort of both sides and watching the game it was hard to believe that one team was leading this competition and the other was second-to-last.



University of Canberra 0 (0) Weston Creek Royals 3 (0)

By Greg Welsh

A second-half hat-trick to Weston Creek Royals striker Steve Lazzari secured a 3-0 victory against the University of Canberra at a rain-drenched University pitch last Sunday.

The competitiveness of the Premier League this year was aptly demonstrated by a hard-fought, but scoreless, first half. University could count themselves particularly unlucky on a number of occasions as they took the game to their more-fancied opponents.

In the 27th minute, Dominic Bartone flicked the ball on for striking partner Simon Foxhill whose shot rebounded off the crossbar with Royals goalkeeper Troy Boots well beaten.

At the other end, Royals left midfielder Yushi Sato was creating plenty of chances for Weston's twin strikeforce of Steve Lazzari and Peter Hader.

In the 34th minute Sato swung over a left-footed cross, and a diving Lazzari headed narrowly over the crossbar. Two minutes later, Sato once more crossed the ball to Lazzari, who rounded a Uni defender before striking a low shot against the near post upright.

Uni soon resumed their onslaught, and in the 40th minute Dustin Wells knocked a through ball to Foxhill on the right, who shot inside the advancing Troy Boots, but also narrowly wide of the far post.



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Two minutes into the second half Foxhill looked through on goal until dragged down by Weston fullback Adrian Paragalli. Referee Ben Williams opted for the yellow card rather than the red, much to the annoyance of the University bench.

When Nick Behr's 56th minute effort was also denied by the Royals crossbar, Uni's luck seemed to be at an all-time low. One minute later Weston were ahead.

Steve Lazzari received an innocuous ball on the edge of box, rounded his marker and shot decisively. A diving Chris Freeman managed to get a hand to the effort, but could not keep the ball from skidding into his net.

Weston were completely dictating play by this stage, and were themselves unlucky when in the 70th minute Lazzari chipped Freeman only to have the ball come back off the woodwork.

Ten minutes later the Royals went further ahead when a long ball from the back skipped through the Uni defence to leave Lazzari one-on-one with Freeman. The striker faked a shot before rounding the keeper and slotting home.

The competition's leading goalscorer brought up his hat-trick twelve minutes from full-time when he collected a Royals corner, calmly turned and struck the ball into the back of the net to complete the victory.

Royals coach Jimmy Bland was pleased that his side's premiership challenge was back on track. "We've had a bit of a shaky two-to-three weeks," he said, "but it's good to get a clean sheet [and] score three goals. The next four weeks are going to be important, as we play the top four sides."

Uni coach Rod Lynes was annoyed by a lackluster second-half effort and the ill-luck in front of goal. "I was very disappointed with the second half given our performances in the last two matches," Lynes said. "We have to try and keep a buffer between ourselves and the two teams below us - that's the aim."





Belconnen United 4 (1)



Queanbeyan City Lions 0 (0)

Ex-Gippsland Falcon and Cosmos forward, Marko Perinovic scored a hatrick for Belconnen as they defeated the Queanbeyan City Lions 4-0 at Hawker Oval.

The win moves Belconnen four that was flicked on at the near post by Jason Dunn. Perinovic was in the right place and had an easy finish.

Then a goal kick from Cosmos defender Danny Burt went short of its intended target. Instead it found Ray Junna who was able to put the ball through to Perinovic for an easy finish in the right hand corner.

The next goal was a bit of a mish-mash. Jaime Munro made his way behind the defence on the right hand side. His cross went back away from goal and found Lee Pietrukowski at the far post. Pietrukowski's shot cannoned off a defender and the keeper to Craig Unwin. Unwin then headed the ball back for Pietrukowski to put away.

Finally Perinovic completed his hatrick, but this one was started by Bels keeper Rade Kosanovic. His goal-kick went to Tim Francis who then sent Frank Agnello down the right. Agnello side-footed a cross to Perinovic who mimicked his provider by side-footing the ball past the keeper.

Bels coach Lino Fiorese was reasonably pleased with the team performance. "We had the majority of the chances. Even so, we kept on losing the ball especially in promising positions", Fiorese said. He felt it was a team effort, but was happy with the way Scott Manson played, even if he isn't scoring as many goals as last year.



Canberra Deakin 0 (0) Canberra Olympic 4 (3)



For the second week in a row, Canberra Deakin lost 4-0. This time it was to pre-season favourites Canberra Olympic, who are slowly making their move up the table.

Deakin, who won five games in a row to threaten the top placings, have now dropped to a precarious level four points behind fourth place. Olympic are just above them on goal-difference, but they now have the momentum to continue with good results.

"With six games to go we basically have to win every one, but at the moment we are taking them one game at a time", stated Olympic coach Baz Giamapolo. Their chance of taking out the Premiership has probably disappeared, but they still want to play finals football.

Midfielders, Njegosh Popovich and Geoff Howarth provided the goals, scoring two each. Yet it was the number of misses that Giamapolo sees haunting his memory.

Young Pino Seminara had two one-on-ones with the keeper and couldn't convert either. He had other chances as did Popovich who hit the bar with a header from close range.

Olympic went out strong early, playing at flat strap and this unsettled Deakin. By the break they were 3-0 ahead and the game was nearly over. Deakin, to their credit, came back fighting for about a quarter of an hour in the second period, but during this time could only generate one clear chance.

Deakin were playing more as individuals with Leo Langone showing some lovely touches, but cohesion is what is needed in this game and the lack of it hindered their team-work.

## CSN Predictions for Week 12

Giamapolo was very happy with his back four and his midfield believing they controlled the game. He was also happy with the return of Adelaide Sharks midfielder Alex Castro as he put all in for the hour he was on the field.

"The boys put it in. The back four was solid, the midfield superb and now it shows that we have definitely stepped up a level", added Giamapolo.

### The Premier League Division 2 Page

Tuggeranong United 1 (1) - ANU 1 (0)  
J. Warren-Smith S. Channing

Cooma 7 (3) - ADFA 3 (2)  
J. Ivers 2 R. Devetak  
T. Morgan 2 B. Mailler  
G Van Der Platt 2 T. Smith  
S. Fleitas

O'Connor Knights 5 (4) - Canberra Sabres 1 (1)  
S. Rezo 4 W. Schneider  
T. Radic

White Eagles 3 (1) - Belwest Foxes 0 (0)  
E. Bonnett 2  
N. Aleksic

At Kambah 2 oval last Saturday second placed Tuggeranong United played host to struggling ANU.

Tuggeranong scored first and within the early minutes of the game, whilst running downhill and with a slight breeze at their back. They continued to apply some pressure, but the students held out.

Then the game swung around and it was ANU's turn to push hard. They had numerous chances and it wasn't until mid-way through the second half that they equalised.

Both sides missed some glaring chances to take all the points and had to settle for a draw. With the result Tuggeranong remain second and Uni are very much in the hunt for a Finals place.

Weston Creek Royals v Monaro  
2pm - Woden Park (1<sup>st</sup> Rd 2-2)

This will be a real tester for Monaro. Weston are a solid outfit and will want to retake the lead off Monaro in this top of the table clash. Neither team has any real stars as they both rely on team play, but Weston's Steve Lazzari will be the one to look out for.

PICK: WESTON

Gungahlin Juventus v Canberra Deakin  
2pm - Jamison Oval (1<sup>st</sup> Rd 2-0 Juventus)  
Deakin are a completely different team to that first round, but are again a different team to that which won 5 in a row. In a slump, they will need to win this game against close rivals Juventus, who themselves are fighting a form reversal.  
PICK: DRAW

Canberra Olympic v University of Canberra  
2pm - O'Connor Oval (1<sup>st</sup> Rd 3-1 Olympic)  
Uni dropped their form as Steve Lazzari punished them with a hatrick. Can they bounce back? Olympic on the other hand are finally 'stepping up a level' according to Baz. They should be too strong.  
PICK: OLYMPIC

Burns Club v Belconnen United  
2pm - Greenway Oval (1<sup>st</sup> Rd Bels 7-0)  
We certainly don't want to see a scoreline like the first round, but Burns will struggle to place any imprint on a good Belconnen side. The youngsters versus the oldies. Experience will pay out.  
PICK: BELCONNEN

Queanbeyan City v Capital City Suns  
2pm - Riverside Stadium (1<sup>st</sup> Rd Suns 5-1)  
Queanbeyan face a Suns outfit that is playing too well for them. Even with their Cosmos players they will be struggling.  
PICK: SUNS